State of South Caroling Sovernor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, hurricanes pose a serious threat to the lives and property of the residents of South Carolina, especially during the months of June through November; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Hurricane Season emphasized the massive destruction, human injury, and loss of life these storms can cause; and

WHEREAS, storm surges, tornadoes, severe winds, and flooding attributed to hurricanes can adversely affect coastal and inland residents of the state; and

WHEREAS, the population of coastal counties has grown dramatically since Hurricane Hugo struck the Palmetto State in 1989; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the state may not fully comprehend the serious threat of hurricanes, having never experienced one; and

WHEREAS, being aware of and prepared for the dangers associated with these storms can help mitigate their impact and minimize the risk of property damage, injury, and loss of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 28 – June 3, 2006, as

HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the National Weather Service in their efforts to encourage and foster hurricane preparedness.

Mark Sanford

GOVERNOR STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA